GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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PREVALENCE OF YAWS DISEASE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prevalence of Yaws disease has been detected in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the State-wise and gender-wise details of persons afflicted with this disease; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for eradication of the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d): Yaws was prevalent in 49 endemic districts of 10 States in the country. However, due to effective implementation of the Yaws Eradication Programme (YEP), a Central Sector Programme since 1996, Yaws has been declared eliminated from the country, as no new case has been reported from the endemic States since 2004. The strategy adopted for Yaws Eradication Programme (YEP) has brought down the number of cases of Yaws from more than 3500 in the year 1996 to Nil during the year 2004.The programme is being continued in 49 endemic districts of ten states in order to achieve eradication of Yaws by the year 2009/2010.